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BIGGER PEONIES  
RETAIL PRICE LIST FOR -- 1954  
MYRON D. BIGGER  
1147 Oakland Avenue  
Topeka, Kansas

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	Each	Each	
Adolphe Rousseau, tall dark red	\$ 1.00	Harry L. Richardson, late red	\$ 1.00
Adonis, fine cone pink and yellow	2.00	Harry L. Burden, early white	1.00
Alice Harding, cream white	1.50	Harry F. Little, white	2.00
A. G. Perry, fine light pink	3.00	Hansina Brand, creamy pink	3.00
Armance Dessert, light pink	1.00	Hans P. Sass, white	1.50
Angelo Cobb Freeborn, Coral pink hybrid	"Net" 10.00	Henry Sass, white	1.50
A.B.C. Nicholls, white	3.00	Helen Hayes, dark pink	5.00
Arcturus, dark red single	2.50	Hermione, late pink	1.00
Avalanche, white	1.00	Helen, pink single	1.50
Auten's Pride, light pink	2.50	Henry Webster, dark pink	2.00
Amber Glow, flesh pink	4.00	Hiawatha, red	2.00
Ave Maria, very light pink	"Net" 10.00	Inspecteur Lavergne, brown red	1.00
Ann Cousins, late white	"Net" 60.00	Instituteur Doriat, red Jap	2.00
Blanche King, dark pink	3.00	Isani-Gidui, white Jap	5.00
Blanche Elie, white	2.00	Imperial Red, large red single	2.00
Buccaneer, red hybrid, single	4.00	Iwo, pink Jap	2.00
Bonnie Becker, large pink	1.00	Illini Belle, red single hybrid	10.00
Banner Bright, dark pink	1.00	James Kelway, white	1.00
Break O'Day, light red jap	3.00	Jean Cooperman, red	2.00
Bonanza, dark red	"Net" 12.50	John Howard Wigell, dark pink	4.00
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Big Ben, dark red bomb	4.00	Jane Adams, white	4.00
Burma, dark red		Judy Becker, red	4.00
Cherry Hill, garnet & tall	1.00	Karl Rosenfield, dark red	1.00
Charm, dark red Jap	2.00	Kelway's Glorious, white	2.00
Crystola, white	1.00	Kelway's Queen, pink	1.00
Cherokee, white	2.00	Krinkled white, white single	2.50
Carolyn May Nelson, dark red	4.00	Kathalo, pink Jap	2.00
Cathie Ann, deep rose pink, tall	4.00	King Gustave, dark red	"Net" 5.00
Cinderella, Pink single	4.00	Lady Alexandra Duff, large pink	1.50
Cardinal's Robe, red single hybrid		Lady of the Snows-cream white bomb	2.50
	"Net" 15.00	Lady Kate, pink	1.50
Dixie, Dark red bomb	2.00	Largo, large pink Jap	2.00
Dr. J. H. Neely, white	2.00	La Perle, late pink	1.00
Dr. Christopher Graham, white	5.00	La Lorraine, white	1.50
Dr. F. G. Brethour, white	5.00	Laura Dessert, yellow	1.00
David Harum, red bomb	1.50	Le Cygne, white	1.00
Dorothy J, blush white	10.00	Le Jour, white single	2.00
Dr. F. C. Becker, red bomb	1.50	Leto, white Jap	1.00
Detroit, red bomb	4.00	Luetta Pfeiffer, early pink	2.00
Dereen, two toned jap	3.00	Luxor, white bomb	2.00
Doris Cooper, fine pink	"Net" 30.00	Laura Kelsey, delicate pink	4.00
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Ella Christiansen, dark pink	2.00	Liberty Belle, dark pink	3.00
Elsa Sass, very fine white	3.00	Lois, early pink	1.50
Elizabeth Huntington, tall pink	1.50	Louis Joliet, red	1.50
Ella Lewis, fine pink	4.00	Lottie Dawson Rea, light pink	5.00
E. F. Kelsey, white	3.00	Lowell Thomas, dark red	5.00
Edward Flynn, dark red	10.00	Longfellow, red	1.00
Edith E. Gumm, pink	5.00	Lotus Queen, white Jap	4.00
Ethereal, light pink	5.00	Lady Orchid, pink	3.00
Flamingo, light pink semidouble	3.00	Mabel Gore, very dark pink	4.00
Frances Willard, white	1.00	Mahal, white	1.00
Frankie Curtis, white bomb	2.00	Man O'War, red single	3.00
Florence Ellis, clear medium pink		Marie Crousse, late pink	1.00
	"Net" 50.00	Matilda Lewis, one of the darkest reds	2.00
Geo. W. Peyton, flesh white	3.00	Marietta Sisson, early large pink	1.50
Goddess, Red Jap	1.50	Minuet, large pink	2.00
Grace Ott, red	1.00	Minnie Shaylor, tall white semi double	1.50
Gertrude Gibson, yellow white	3.00	Mme Emile Debatene, dark pink	2.00
Golden Bracelet, yellowish white	5.00	Mme de Verneville, white bomb	1.00
Golden Light, white Jap	2.00	Mons Dupont, tall white	1.00
Gold Standard, white Jap	4.00	Mme Emile Lemoine, white	1.00

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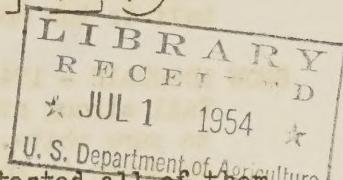
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Mons Martin Cahuzac, very dark red	\$ 2.00	Rose Marie, red Hybrid	\$ 10.00
Mrs. Livingston Farrand, near true pink	5.00	Rosana Shrader, tall pink	5.00
Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt, one of the finest pink varieties	3.00	Red Feathers, red	5.00
Mrs. Bryce Fontaine, dark red	5.00	Rose Valley, pink Jap	3.50
Mrs. W. L. Gumm, light pink	5.00	Red Warrior, red single	3.00
Mrs. J. V. Edlund, tall white	2.00	Sarah Bernhardt, fine dark pink	1.00
Mrs. J. H. Neeley, blush white	2.00	Sarah Napier, red with white shad-	2.00
Mrs. F. A. Goodrich, deep pink	2.00	Seashell, bright pink single	2.00
Mrs. A. M. Brand, white	5.00	Silvia Saunders, pink semi double	1.00
Mrs. Frank Beach, fine white	2.00	Sword Dance, red Jap	2.00
Mrs. Dean Funk, pink	1.00	Sam Donaldson, very dark red	10.00
Mrs. Lee Pollock, light pink	5.00	Sir John Franklin, red	4.00
Mrs. Chas. Mayo, white	5.00	Sibelius, white	4.00
Mrs. Wilder Bancroft, dark red Jap	2.00	Spring beauty, large pink	4.00
Myrtle Gentry, fragrant light pink	2.00	Sagamore, blush Jap	8.00
Moonglow, yellowish white	5.00	T.C. Carpenter, Ivory	5.00
Moonstone, Blush and a dandy	7.00	Tomato-Boku, pink Jap	5.00
Mother's Day, white	2.00	The Fleece, white	1.00
Mount Everest, white	2.00	To Kalon, white	2.00
Mattie Lafuze, blush	"Net" 10.00	Tempest, bright red	2.00
Memorial Queen, pink	2.00	Topeka, red double Hybrid	10.00
Mrs. Euclid Snow, flesh pink	5.00	Tanager, red	5.00
Mandaloon, light pink	"Net" 10.00	Tondeleyo, dark pink	10.00
Miss America, large fine white	semi-double 10.00	Trumpeter, red	3.00
Nanette, white	1.00	Victory, fine white	4.00
Nimbus, very light pink, very good	1.00	Victory Chateau Thierry, very large pink	3.00
Noel, red	4.00	Venus, tall pink	1.00
Nebraska, white	1.00	Vera, red single	2.00
New Era, white	2.00	Vincennes, Early white	2.00
Nippon Beauty, red Jap	1.00	Vanity, delicate pink Jap	5.00
Nippon Brilliant, bright red Jap	2.00	Walter Faxon, almost pure pink	1.00
Nancy Nora, light pink	"Net" 10.00	W. L. Gumm, white	2.00
Off. Rubra, early red	1.00	Walter Lindgren, pink	5.00
Onondaga, red	5.00	W. E. Blanchette, red	10.00
Ottawa, pink	1.50	White Beauty, white	1.50
Peach Blow, early pink	1.00	White Delight, white	1.50
Pico, Fine white single	"Net" 10.00	White Rose, blush	5.00
Philippe Rivoire, fragrant red	2.00	White Gold, white Jap	5.00
Phoebe Cary, pink	1.00	Yellow King, white Jap	1.00
Phyllis Kelway, pink semi-double	1.00	Ziba, red	5.00
Polar Star, white Jap	1.50		
Pride of Essex, pink	1.00		
Prairie, Afire, pink Jap	2.00		
Primevere, yellow	1.00		
Priam, red	3.00		
Plymouth, light pink	"Net" 2.00		
Pres. Lincoln, red, single	5.00		
Pfeiffer's Red Triumph, red	2.00		
R. A. Napier, fine light pink	5.00		
Red Harmony, red single	5.00		
Red Signal, fine red single hybrid	7.50		
Red Goddess, fine dark red semi-double	5.00		
Red Cloud, red and fine	12.50		
Reine Hortense, one of the best			
light pink	1.00		
Richard Carvel, early red	1.50		
Rose Shaylor, spicy light pink	1.50		
Robert E. Lee, white	5.00		
Ruth Elizabeth, bright red	10.00		
Radiant Red, bright red	3.00		
Roy Goddard, Delicate lavender pink	5.00		
Rare China, white semi-double	5.00		
Ruth Clay, red	5.00		
Renato, Crimson	3.00		



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The following varieties are all my own originations. I have tested all of them for many years and I believe they are all worthy of a trial in your garden. I do not have very large stocks of them and there are not very many plants of some to be sent out this year.

## AERIE - 1949

Very light pink to white semi-double. 30 inches tall. Flowers stay cup shaped very well. Very good substance and medium green foliage. .... each \$4.00

## ANNE BIGGER - 1945

This very large medium pink flower is very smooth in color & always opens. Pretty buds, medium dark green foliage and strong stems ..... each \$4.00

## CARRARA - 1952

White Jap. White bud, white guard petals, white stamenoids edged with yellow and white pistils. Flower opens white and stays white. Plant about thirty six inches tall with clean medium green foliage. Won best white white Jap in the National show in Kansas City in 1953. .... "Net" ..... each \$10.00

## DEER CREEK - 1952

A full rose type double that is a smooth shade of medium pink. The flower is cup shaped with a collar of petals around the middle of the flower that are white, intermixed with pink petals that are the same shade as the rest of the flower. The center of the flower tends to be white also. Fine green foliage on a plant that is about thirty to thirty six inches tall. Won Honorable Mention in Boston as a seedling in 1947. PLEASE NOTE: This variety was listed under the name Mid-America in 1952 and the name was changed to DEER CREEK. .... each \$7.50

## JAYHAWKER - 1949

Light pink full double bomb. The bud, guards and bomb are all the same smooth shade of light pink. The bomb holds its shape very well as the flower ages. Tall stiff stems and clean light green foliage. .... each \$7.00

## KANSAS - 1942

Early bright red, held high on one of the strongest stems in the field. The dark green foliage is clean and the plant has always been healthy. The flower is full double with a few hidden stamens. Kansas is tops both as a cut flower and in the show room. It won The American Home Achievement Medal in 1942, best flower in the show in the National show in 1950, best red in the National show in Kansas City in 1953, and many other awards. .... each \$7.00

## KAW VALLEY - 1944

Bright red full double with a few hidden stamens. It holds its color in the sun better than most reds. The fine strong stems are about thirty six inches tall. .... each \$4.00

## MISS DAINTY - 1949

Double full rose type, slightly cupped center and a large flower. White shaded very delicate pink. The beauty of this flower is in its dainty coloring, and Petals. Very good substance, and fragrance. The foliage is dark green and very tough. Late and over three feet tall. Won best light pink in Kansas City in 1953. .... each \$5.00

## PINK WONDER - 1950

The large bright pink, double, flowers are born in great profusion. The base of the petals are slightly darker giving the flower an added brightness. The stems are strong and about thirty inches tall. The foliage is clean and medium dark green. .... each \$7.00

## PRAIRIE BELLE - 1945

A very large, double, creamy pink flower with enough stamens to make it appear yellow in the field. The petals are long and narrow and it always opens, even in bad weather. Mid season, dark green foliage and thirty inches tall. Won best blush in the National Show in Kansas City in 1953. .... each \$5.00

## PLAINSMAN - 1949

Very light flesh to white Jap with yellow stamenoids and white carpels. Heavy medium green foliage and a heavy bloomer with very good substance. .... each \$4.00

SHAWNEE CHIEF - 1940

Double midseason brilliant dark red. An excellent cut flower. A well established plant will be about thirty inches tall and should give from one and one half to two dozen blooms. The bud resembles a rose bud. each \$ 1.50

SNOW MOUNTAIN - 1946

Tall strong stemmed, bomb type double, opening creamy white fading in the sun to pure white. The bloom grows into a mountain of snow white petals similar in shape to Mons. Jules Elie. Foliage medium dark green, clean, healthy and slightly curled. each \$ 7.00

SPARKLING STAR - 1953

An early very bright dark pink single that has a lot of life. The color carries better than most pinks. The plant is strong with good bright green foliage. About thirty inches tall and fine for the landscape. each \$ 5.00

WESTENER - 1942

The guard petals are very large and a beautiful shade of light pink. The center is an extremely large bomb of yellow stamens that are very firm and erect. Very stiff stems about thirty six inches tall. Substance is extremely good. The pink and yellow in this variety blend perfectly. each \$ 4.00

ONE MORE FOR FIFTY FOUR

PINK CAMEO (6-45 Parentage unknown)

A very formal and neat globular bloom of medium size. The beauty of this variety is its delicate pink shading on a white background blended perfectly. Its leatherlike substance gives it fine lasting quality. The plant is about thirty inches tall, blooms late midseason and has healthy, glossy medium green foliage. "Net" \$ 7.50

TERMS

Cash with order, please. All prices and listings are subject to prior sale and other conditions not under my control. This list cancels all previous lists.

I guarantee all plants sent out under name to be true to name and in a good growing condition when they leave me, but I will not be responsible for more than the purchase price.

Three of any variety except those marked "Net" may be had for two and one-half times the price of one. All orders for \$5.00 or more will be prepaid in the U.S.A. Please add 50 cents for postage on smaller orders. I send out three to five eye divisions. Kansas customers will please add 2 per cent on all retail orders.

Please send me your list of wants. If I do not have them growing I am sure I can get them for you. Remember - Come and see the flowers next spring.

A SUGGESTION

Why look any farther for a present for Christmas, Easter, Birthday, Valentine, Wife, Mother, Sis, Sweetheart or even Dad? Send them a Peony, Iris or a Hemerocallis. Just send me the order and I will send them along at the right season for planting.

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# BIGGER IRIS

**SPURIA** - This group of Iris is one of the finest of all Iris. They lend themselves beautifully to bouquets and corsages. Their stout upright foliage and flower spikes are a delight to all just as the peony season is closing. They bring bright yellow, blue and bronze to the peony field. Spuria roots are shipped damp and may be included right along with the peony shipment. Plant them about three inches deep. S and F after the name stand for standard and fall.

	Each		Each
Azure Dawn, Blue lavender	\$. 1.00	Ben Lomond, Blue	\$. 1.50
Bronzspur, brownish tan	1.00	Cambridge Blue, light blue	1.00
Euphrosyne, blue	1.00	Gold Nugget, deep yellow	1.00
Hazy Hills, blue bicolor	1.00	Fairy Light, Lemon chrome	2.00
Juno, blue	1.00	Lord Wolseley, dark blue	1.00
Michigan State, Bronze	1.00	Mt. Wilson, blue	1.00
Saugatuck, lavender with brown markings	1.00	Sunny Day, bright yellow	1.00
Shelford's Giant, S.white, F.Yellow	1.00	Two Opals, soft cream washed with lavender, ruffled, "Net"	2.50

## TALL BEARDED IRIS

Action Front, deep coppery red	.75	Blue Shimmer, white dotted and dap-plod with blue	.75
Chivalry, blue	1.50	Ola Kala, deep yellow	1.00
Illinois Sunshine, tall yellow	1.00	Stardom, apricot-buff	.75
Sable, blue black velvet	.75		

## BIGGER HEMEROCALLIS

We have a large number of varieties of Hemerocallis growing in our field. Many of them are just on trial but a few are in large enough numbers to be divided and offered for sale in 1954. If you have never grown hemerocallis you have missed a lot of fun as well as a lot of flowers in your garden all summer long. The Hemerocallis season is not Spring, Summer or Fall. It is rather a warm weather season. In fact, you can by selection of the right varieties have a lot of bloom from the first of May to freeze up in the fall. Some varieties bloom early, some mid-season, and some late. Then, there are some rebloomers that bloom twice and others that just seem to bloom all season after they once start. A few Hems and Spuria Iris will add materially to the blooming season of any peony collection. They add the yellows and blues that are so short in peonies.

	Each		Each
Autumn Red-Van Dyke red	\$ 1.00	Goliath-deep yellow flowers	\$. 75
August Pioneer-soft buff orange	.75	Knighthood-maroon crimson	5.00
Autumn Prince-late clear yellow	1.00		
Buckeye-clear orange mahogany eye	1.00	Mikado-orange with mahogany throat	.60
Brunette-early mahogany brown	1.00	Mongol-soft lemon	2.00
Copper Colonel-hays russett & Yellow	1.00	Morocco Red-red	1.00
Chief Fontenelle-shades of orange with dark eye zone	2.00	Mrs. Hugh Johnson-fiery red	1.50
Dauntless-pale yellowish orange	1.00	Mrs. Chas. Urschel-two toned lemon	.75
Demon-bright orange mahogany	1.00	Nebraska-cadmium	.75
Dawn-rose buff	.50	Persian Princess-deep velvety red	1.00
Dolly Varden-Chinese choral pink	.75	Pink Charm-coral pink effect	1.50
Dorothy McDade-late medium yellow	1.00	Painted Lady-cinnamon over yellow	2.00
Florham-fragrant soft yellow	.50	Prairie Gold-dark orange	1.50
Glory, immense clear yellow	2.00	Soudan-pure yellow	1.00
		Santa Fe-rosy red	.50

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### Hardy Amaryllis (*Lycoris Squamigera*)

The very attractive foliage is produced in the spring and grows on until midsummer, then it ripens and dies down. Then when the rains of August come along, the bloom stalks appear. They grow very rapidly and produce three to twelve lilac pink, lily shaped blooms each. Ea. 75¢ per doz. \$7.50

### PEONY CULTURE

The peony is one of the hardiest of all plants. It will grow any place where you can grow vegetables, except it does better in a climate where it freezes in the winter.

After you choose a place where you want to grow your peonies, then dig the ground to a depth of about one foot and break up all the clods and rake it down till it is good and mellow. This should be done some time before you want to plant your plants. Remember to keep far enough away from large trees so that the roots will not starve your peonies. When you receive your peony roots from the grower open them soon and see to it that they are kept moist until you plant them. If they are beginning to shrivel when you open the package, then soak them for a day or two in a bucket of water. This should bring them back to a nice plump condition and they will be ready to set out.

When you set your peonies out be sure to have the eyes about two inches below the level of the ground around the plants. If they are planted too deep they will be about two more years getting to the blooming stage. Be sure to pack the ground down firmly with your hands around the roots when you plant a peony. When you have the dirt all back except the last inch you may pour in a bucket of water if you wish, then let the water all settle away, then finish filling the hole with loose dirt. If the season is average and you have plenty of natural moisture it is not really necessary to water them down when you plant them. Just do not let them dry out too much the first season. Good cultivation at all times is best.

Peonies may be planted any time after the first of September. That is their dormant season and like other plants they do not like to be moved during their growing season. The best size root to buy is the three to five eye or standard division as it is called. A great big root may do better the first spring after it is planted, but after the second season the standard division will give you the best bloom of any.

Plant your peony roots about three and one-half feet apart and do not crowd them with any other plants. Like most plants they like to be grown alone. If you want good blooms next season, leave the foliage or at least all the foliage you can on the plant all summer. This foliage gives the root the life it needs to make bloom next year.

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